

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1477 without my signature.

This bill imposes new continuing education requirements on individuals licensed to trap animals. Current law already requires the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to license these individuals. The proponents of this measure have not demonstrated a need for imposing a continuing education requirement. In addition, the bill is unclear as to who would provide this education and how the Department would oversee these providers. Finally, I am concerned that provisions of this bill requiring the transport of animals inadvertently trapped may conflict with existing law.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger